

23 March 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Operations Center

ATTENTION:

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SUBJECT:

OBI Items for DDI Newsletter

1. On 27 February, the Geography Division, OBI, joined the Directorate of Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy, DIA, in briefing the Chairman of the Critical Collection Problems Committee of USIB and associated China watchers on the enlarged U. S. Government mapping programs that are underway on Communist China. Particular emphasis was given in the briefing to the 1:250,000 Special Intelligence Graphic (SIG) (AMS Series 1505) program, jointly conducted by CIA and DoD. The SIG's are designed to meet Community requirements for an all-source synthesis of intelligence on priority Communist areas. They involve production of a definitive intelligence overprint on a topographic base through the combined efforts of OBI, OCR, Imagery Analysis Staff, DIA, and AMS.

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2. [REDACTED] Deputy Chief of the Western Hemisphere Branch, Geography Division, OBI, completed a 30-day TDY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also visited the U. S. Army Tropic Test Center and the USAF Tropic Survival School in Panama.

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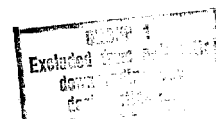
3. [REDACTED] Deputy Chief of the Far East Branch, Cartography Division, OBI, departed on 2 February to attend the 5th U.N. Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Far East and associated area familiarization travel. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] was given a general briefing by the Cartography Division, OBI, on the activities, organization, and technical aspects of Agency cartographic activities on 17 January. (The briefing was in response to a DDP request.)



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6. The NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook, published semiannually and given broad dissemination in the field, has profited from comments submitted by State Department posts. DDI personnel overseas as well as CAS are also invited to comment, correct, or supplement the next updating of the Factbook, scheduled for field dissemination in August. Comments should be addressed to the attention of OBI.

7. To allow broader dissemination of the weather and climate analyses and data portions of the NIS Sections 23, these portions are being separated from those dealing with the meteorological organization and facilities, and will be disseminated with just **OFFICIAL USE ONLY** restrictions. The meteorological organization and facilities portions will be issued separately as classified supplements.

(signed)  
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